Written evidence submitted by Betty Carr

As far as I am concerned grey squirrels have earned their place in the UK countryside and I personally get a great deal of pleasure from observing them. I would very much appreciate the government allowing rescue centres to continue the brilliant work they do in saving the lives of these beautiful creatures when they are down on their luck. If I ever found a baby squirrel in distress I would hold the government responsible if the once licenced rescue centre I might turn to in those circumstances turned me and my valuable find away. I do not believe the propaganda about grey squirrels costing the country millions. If we stopped spending so much money on cruel and inappropriate culls and spent it on coniferous reforestation I believe it would far more good in boosting red squirrel numbers in chosen areas.

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